In the Claims:

Please amend claim 17 and add new claim 21 as follows:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) An active matrix type liquid crystal display comprising:

a switching element formed for each of a plurality of pixels defined by a plurality of bus lines;

a short ring connected to the plurality of bus lines; and

an electrostatic protection element portion formed between each of the plurality of bus lines and the short ring;

wherein the electrostatic protection element portion comprises a plurality of metal layers directly formed on the same layer, an insulating layer formed on the plurality of metal layers, a contact hole formed by opening the insulating layer on the plurality of metal layers, and a connecting layer electrically connecting the metal layers via the contact hole.

14. (Previously Presented) An active matrix type liquid crystal display comprising:

a switching element formed for each of a plurality of pixels defined by a plurality of bus lines; and

an electrostatic protection element portion formed between the adjacent bus lines;

wherein the electrostatic protection element portion comprises a plurality of metal layers directly formed on the same layer, an insulating layer directly formed on the plurality of metal layers so as to completely cover surfaces of the plurality of metal layers, a contact hole formed by opening the insulating layer on the plurality of metal layers, and a connecting layer electrically connecting the metal layers via the contact hole.

15. (Previously Presented) An active matrix type liquid crystal display comprising:

a switching element formed for each of a plurality of pixels defined by a plurality of data bus lines and gate bus lines;

a first common wiring connected to the data bus lines;

a second common wiring connected to the gate bus lines; and

an electrostatic protection element portion formed between the first common wiring and the second common wiring;

wherein the electrostatic protection element portion comprises a plurality of metal layers directly formed on the same layer as the first common wiring or the second

common wiring, an insulating layer formed on the plurality of metal layers, a contact hole formed by opening the insulating layer on the plurality of metal layers, and a connecting layer electrically connecting the metal layers via the contact hole.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An active matrix type liquid crystal display comprising:

a switching element formed for each of a plurality of pixels defined by a plurality of bus lines;

an electrostatic protection element portion having a multi-layer structured metal layer in which a top layer is partially removed and an under layer directly below the top layer is exposed;

an insulating layer formed on the metal layer;

a contact hole formed by opening the insulating layer on the metal layer; and

a connecting layer electrically connecting the top layer and the under layer of the metal layer via the contact hole, ~~respectively.~~respectively;

wherein a contact resistance between the connecting layer and the metal layer can be increased.

18. (Previously Presented) An active matrix type liquid crystal display according to claim 14, wherein the insulating layer is a single layer.

19. (Previously Presented) An active matrix type liquid crystal display according to claim 14, wherein the connecting layer is a single layer.

20. (Previously Presented) An active matrix type liquid crystal display according to claim 19, wherein the connecting layer is formed by a material for a pixel electrode formed in each of the plurality of pixels.

21. (New) An active matrix type liquid crystal display according to claim 17, wherein the contact resistance through the contact hole on the metal layer is equal to 35 to 36k Ω.